

Five from AFRL named as Modern Day Technology Leaders

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio— The Air Force Research Laboratory will be represented by five 2003 Modern-Day Technology Leaders who will be recognized during the Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference in February.

Dr. Emmanuel E. Boakeye, Joseph Gordon, Roderic C. Perry, Lloyd Reshard and Capt. Reginald J. Turner have been identified as ‘young up-and-comers in engineering, information technology, or science, whose early career and personal accomplishments make them outstanding role models for other blacks who may aspire to follow them into these career fields’, according to Eric Addison, managing editor, Black Engineer.com.

“AFRL prides itself of having the world’s best personnel in place, conducting research critical to the U.S.,” said Maj. Gen. Paul D. Nielsen. “Congratulations to our Modern Day Technology Leaders, who are all tremendous assets to the lab, and deserve this prestigious honor.”

Boakeye is a Research Scientist for UES Inc. in the Ceramics Research Group of the Materials and Manufacturing Directorate. He plays an essential role in developing solution chemistry approaches to designed microstructures for a variety of applications, principally fiber-coatings for ceramic composites.

Gordon is the Chief of the Planning Branch, Corporate Investment Strategy Division, Plans and Programs Directorate. He is the principal advisor to the AFRL Commander for the development of the Air Force Science and Technology Plan.

Perry is an electronics engineer in the Sensors Directorate, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He serves as an electronics warfare program manager for multi-spectral sensor technologies used for enhanced situation awareness, friend/foe targeting, and real-time information into the cockpit that will be utilized in current and future Air Force platforms.

Turner is the director of the Directed Energy Directorate’s Laser, Survivability and Effects Test Facility at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. He is responsible for planning and maintaining the test schedule, and establishing facility test protocols and policies for a team of 25 scientists, engineers and technicians in laser phenomenology research.

Reshard is a senior electronics engineer at the Munitions Directorate, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. He serves as the weapon platform integration team leader. He is responsible for the technical management and direction of advanced engineering developments and weapon-platform integration demonstrations.

In addition to receiving a certificate of recognition at the 17th annual awards conference, Baltimore, Md., the men will be profiled in U.S. Black Engineer & Information Technology.

The conference is held to promote diversity and encourage minorities in engineering and science. @